

LIGHT CONTRACT TO BE DISCUSSED AT SPECIAL MEET

City Commission to Have Informal Session for Purpose of Settling Terms.

SCHRIVER AS TO FINANCES

Declares City Government Cannot Be Adequately Maintained Without Saloon Revenue.

"Have any of you seriously thought how we are to run the city of Rock Island, if the \$60,000 revenue from saloon licenses is lost?" pointedly asked Mayor H. M. Schriver at the weekly session of the city commission when the matter of a street light contract with the People's Power company was under discussion. Mayor Schriver has urged delay in making a contract until after the result of the local option election in order that the financial budget can be rearranged, if necessary.

"There are the three departments of the city to be taken care of: lighting, police and fire protection. The people say we must have these anyway but I have been carefully trying to figure out how it will be possible to adequately maintain them all, without the saloon revenue and I frankly admit that I cannot find a solution."

"What about the health department of the city," commented Commissioner Archie Hart. "There is no one activity of the city that is more important than caring for the health of the residents. We will need more garbage wagons this year. The city refuse might be disposed of at all events."

Contract Has Expired.

The contract for street lighting with the People's Power company expired February 1. The council has repeatedly discussed terms for the new agreement, in the hope of being able to place a light on every corner in the city. In order to follow out this plan, it had been suggested that in the outer residential sections from either Seventh or Twelfth avenue south, tungsten lights replace the old time arc lamps, it being the theory it would be better to have smaller lights at each corner than larger lamps two blocks apart. It was figured that tungstens could be secured at such a reduced figure that it would be possible to scatter them in many of the locations now badly in need of better service. It has also been planned to substitute the magnetite type of arcs for the carbon type now used.

It was suggested at the meeting yesterday that the People's Power company might install some of the tungstens in the residential districts at once, while the matter of the disposition of the arcs could be held up for a time. The company has quoted a price of \$21 for tungstens and \$60 a year for the magnetite lamps, upon the basis of a short term contract and if the contract is made for a 10-year period, the price for the latter will be reduced to \$55. The present figure for the carbon arcs is \$60. The commission believes the magnetite arcs are a great improvement over the old kind and that by a wise distribution of the new style lamps, Rock Island may be able to secure the best lighting facilities it has enjoyed in its history.

Meet Thursday.

It was decided to have another session of the commission Thursday afternoon.

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ernoon at 2 o'clock at which time in informal session, the question of street lighting, will be taken up and an attempt made to reach an agreement as to the terms of the proposed contract. A Chicago concern recently wrote the commissioners that they would expect to enter the local field and promised to make a better figure than the local concern. It was therefore determined to postpone definite action until Thursday in order to hear what proposition the Chicago people have to offer.

ALEDO

S. M. Taylor arrived home Wednesday from St. John, Minn., where he had visited at the home of J. M. Hicks.

Mrs. Anna Baker went to Matherville Wednesday to make a short visit with her daughter, Mrs. James R. Mann.

Mrs. H. S. Walter is visiting in Keithsburg with her daughter, Mrs. George Pepper.

B. F. Mawby spent Wednesday in Rock Island visiting with William Mitchell.

Mrs. Margaret Weidling, who has been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Weidling, returned to her home in New Boston Wednesday.

Miss Vera Luttrell went to New Windsor Saturday to make a short visit at the home of her uncle, Andrew Luttrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Farm were most successfully surprised Tuesday by their relatives, friends and neighbors, who gathered at their home near this city to help them celebrate the tenth anniversary of their wedding. A very bountiful dinner was brought by the guests and served cafeteria style. The day was spent very pleasantly in social visiting and music. The guests presented a purse of \$21 to Mr. and Mrs. Farm to purchase a remembrance for the occasion.

John Boostrom left last week for Sweden where he will spend a few months with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Hutchins, who have been visiting Mrs. Hutchins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McCormick, returned to their home in Monmouth the first of the week.

The basketball game at the local college gymnasium between Lincoln college and William and Vashti Friday evening was well attended and was a very close and interesting game. The result was a victory for William and Vashti with a score of 25 to 16.

Mrs. W. L. Ray arrived home Wednesday from Waynesburg, Pa., where she has made an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. Smith Garner.

Mrs. Flora B. Graham and Miss Minnie Bassett left Saturday for Chicago where they will spend a week and select goods for their millinery store. Misses Myra and Beatrice Minter went to Reynolds Saturday to spend the week end at their home.

J. F. McIntyre was a Rock Island visitor Saturday.

The Woman's Home Missionary society of the Methodist church held its meeting at the home of Mrs. Pearl Henderson Friday afternoon. There was a good attendance and a very interesting program was given. The devotions were conducted by Mrs. Lorimer and Rev. J. B. Bartle. A very helpful paper on "Development" was given by Mrs. Lorimer and a report of the society, "Mother's Jewels," was given by Mrs. Jennie Burke.

At Frank Sherer's sale of Chester White swine held here Wednesday the highest price ever attained by Chester Whites in Mercer county, \$83 per head was returned.

Mrs. S. B. Bolton and daughter, Miss Beniah, went to Alpha Saturday to spend the day with relatives.

Mrs. Charles Druston went to Woodhull Saturday to spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. H. Simmons and family.

The Columbian club met Wednesday afternoon and continued the study of Germany with Mrs. Venable leader. A very interesting paper on "Public and Vocational Schools" was prepared and read by Miss Cummins. Mrs. Carroll read extracts from the book by Price Collier, "Germany and the Germans," which were greatly enjoyed by all present. As some members on the program were not present, the president, Mrs. Morgan, read the report of the state civics committee given by the chairman of that committee, Mrs. W. L. Purvin of Chicago, at the 19th annual convention of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs held in Evanston last November. A discussion followed which resulted in the formation of a civil service department with Mrs. M. F. Mathews as chairman. As this is a new department for the Columbian club, great interest will be taken in the work the committee plans to do in connection with the franchise.

E. J. Harper of Galesburg came Wednesday to make a short visit with relatives.

George Young of New Windsor was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harbour the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Lathrop left this week for their home in Gary, Ind., after making an extended visit with Mrs. Lathrop's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McPherron.

Harry Bailey of Gooding, Idaho, chief clerk for the Idaho & Southern Railroad company at Gooding, arrived Wednesday to visit his father, who fell and fractured his hip some time ago. Mr. Bailey, Sr., is slowly recovering but is not yet able to be up.

Charles Epperly was a Rock Island visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flack of Shiprock, N. M., who have been visiting near Seaton with Mr. Flack's sister, Miss Nellie Flack, left this week for New Bethlehem, Pa., to visit relatives.

Mr. Flack is a missionary among the Navajo Indians near Shiprock, where there are 30,000 Indians on their reservation.

Mrs. Margaret Sullivan, who has made an extended visit here with her

daughter, Mrs. D. E. Farr, left Wednesday for her home in Albany, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Bigelow entertained the Whist club at their home on North College avenue Friday evening.

Mrs. H. S. Bridgeford, who is taking treatment in the Galesburg hospital, came home Wednesday to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Vanatta.

Mrs. Thomas Kiddoo of Joy spent Wednesday here with her sister, Mrs. Alice Kramm.

Several of the lower grade rooms in the public schools of this city celebrated St. Valentine's day Friday with valentine boxes in which the pupils dropped valentines for each other and their teachers.

Mrs. D. A. Hebel went to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Wednesday to visit Mr. Hebel's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hebel.

S. B. Guthrie went to Burlington, Iowa, to spend a few days this week with William Blayney, who is ill.

Mrs. J. O. Fender arrived home Wednesday from Viola, where she had made a few days' visit with her son, John Fender and family.

B. F. Tudor went to Bushnell Saturday on a short business trip.

Mrs. C. P. Frick of Seaton is a guest at the home of her son, Roy Frick and family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Chamberlain of Whittier, Cal., who have been visiting relatives and friends near Millersburg,

left for Des Moines, Iowa, Wednesday to visit Mr. Chamberlain's mother, Mrs. J. M. Chamberlain.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Starkey arrived home Wednesday from Farmington where they have been visiting Mrs. Starkey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Kyes.

Misses Bertha Smith and Lila Macklin left Saturday for Chicago where they will purchase spring stock for the Macklin millinery store.

Mrs. J. T. White and daughter, Miss Ruth, returned to their home in Alpha Saturday after spending a few days with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Harvey went to Galesburg where Mrs. Harvey underwent a surgical operation Monday in the Galesburg hospital. Mrs. Harvey is recovering rapidly.

Mrs. G. C. Meyer and daughter, Miss Ruby of New Windsor spent a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. C. Luttrell.

Ed Phillips of Viola was a guest Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sample.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ogle and Mr. and Mrs. Hod Ogle of Keithsburg and E. T. Knisley of Oakaloosa, Iowa, attended the tenth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Farm near this city Tuesday.

E. M. Richardson left this week for Milton, Iowa, where he will make his home on a farm. Mrs. Richardson and baby expect to go next week.

Lincoln's birthday was observed by the students of William and Vashti college with a Lincoln program at the chapel Thursday.

Mrs. William Black and daughter, Mrs. Clarence Lines of Macomb are visiting their cousin, Mrs. D. N. Blazer.

Rev. A. J. Jolly, D. D., of Washburn, Ill., was a business visitor at the home of Rev. J. B. Bartle one day this week. He was looking over the old conference records for facts to use in his

book which he is writing. Mr. Bartle, who is conference secretary, has all the records since the organization of the conference in 1856.

H. R. Walls of St. Louis, Mo., spent a few days this week with his uncle, J. E. Walls.

Mrs. J. E. Histed and little daughter, Emily, are spending the week with Mrs. Histed's relatives in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

The annual celebration of Washington's birthday by William and Vashti college will be held Monday evening, Feb. 23. This will be in charge of the members of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. of the college who are making arrangements for a pleasant and elaborate entertainment. The library of the college will welcome the gift of

books on the evening of the celebration.

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